Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

51
ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 ABF-01 SS-15 SSO-00 RSC-01 /040 W
---------- 015857
O 101535Z DEC 74
FM AMCONSUL MARTINIQUE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1744
AMEMBASSY PARIS

UNCLAS MARTINIQUE 0435

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: AFIN, AFSP, AMGT
SUBJECT: FISCAL PLANNING FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

1. WITH REGARD TO OUR FISCAL PLANNING FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT THIS WEEKEND, WE DID NOT FORESEE ONE PROBLEM WHICH WE BELEIVE REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT'S URGENT ATTENTION.

2. BY THE TIME THE VISIT IS TERMINATED, WE WILL HAVE RENTED A NUMBER OF CARS, TRUCKS AND SMALL BUSES WHOSE DRIVERS AND OWNERS IN OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE NOVEMBER ADVANCE TEAM VISIT, INSIST UPON IMMEDIATE PAYMENT FOR THEIR SERVICES. WE ESTIMATE SEVERAL DRIVER SERVICE BILLS WILL RUN UP TO DOLLARS 600, A SUM WELL ABOVE THE DOLS 150 LIMITATION ON INDIVIDUAL PETTY CASH EXPENDITURES WHICH WE NOW OPERATES UNDER.

3. ANY DELAY IN PAYING THESE BILLS PROMPTLY, AS WELL AS OTHER TRANSPORTATION CHARGES, WILL, I BELEIVE, REFLECT QUITE BADLY UPON US LOCALLY. LOCAL MERCHANTS, AND OTHER PERSONS WHOSE SERVICES WAS REQUIRED, WILL BE QUITE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE USG WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SETTLE ALL OUTSTANDING BILLS PROMPTLY, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THE VISIT WAS PRESIDENTIAL NATURE. WE HOPE TO AVOID BEING PUT IN THE EMBARRASSING POSITION OF DELAYING PAYMENT BECAUSE OF PROCESSING TIME IN THE DEPARTMENT AND NECESSARY DELAYS CAUSED BY POUCH TRAVEL TIME.

4. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I BELEIVE IT MOST DESIRABLE TO RAISE TEMPORARILY THE LIMITATION ON OUR INDIVIDUAL PETTY CASH EXPENDITURES TO DOLS 650. IN ADDITION, OUR CASH OPERATING BALANCE SHOULD
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

BE RAISED, AGAIN TEMPORARILY, TO 65,000 FRANCS TO COVER THE

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

EXPECTED EXPENDITURES.

5. AGAIN IT SHOULD BE STATED THAT THESE CHANGES NEED ONLY BE TEMPORARY AND SHOULD BE TERMINATED AS SOON AS WE SETTLE THE OUTSTANDING CHARGES INCURRED AS RESULT OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. I DO NOT WANT TO EXAGGERATE THE PROBLEM, BUT IT INVOLVES THE REPUTATION OF THE USG IN A WAY WHICH , I BELEIVE, REQUIRES OUR ATTENTION.

6. SEPARATELY WE HAVE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FORMS 1754 AND THE EMERGENCY FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE BANK OF AMERICA SO THAT EVENTUALLY WE WILL GAIN GREATER FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO OUR CASH BALANCES. THIS WILL NOT HOWEVER MEET OUR IMMEDIATE PROBLEM TO SETTLE PROMPTLY CHARGES INCURRED BY THE UPCOMING VISIT.

7. REQUEST CABLE REPLY.
SHACKLETON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 DEC 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974MARTIN00435
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740358-0777
From: MARTINIQUE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741247/aaaabohe.tel
Line Count: 79
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07-Aug-2002 by ReddocGW>; APPROVED <04 FEB 2003 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FISCAL PLANNING FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT
TAGS: AFIN, AFSP, AMGT
To: STATE PARIS
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005